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## WILL RESIST RUSSIA

Great Britain Preparing to Mass Troops at Esquimaux.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC NOTIFIED

Preparations Made to Handle 10,000 Troops at Short Notice.

## SOME RUMORS DENIED

CHICAGO, December 30.—A special from Minneapolis says: Advice from Ottawa indicate that the British government is preparing to actively resist Russian occupation of Port Arthur and Russian influence in Korea; also that the co-operation of the Japanese fleet with that of Great Britain is a well-settled fact.

Information has been received from an inside source that the Ottawa government, thirty days ago, notified the Canadian Pacific officials to be in readiness for the immediate transportation from Montreal to Vancouver and Esquimaux of 3,500 men, the contingent consisting of engineers, gunners and deck officers.

## Ready to Transport Troops.

According to information at hand, the road has prepared for handling 10,000 men, five trains being held in readiness for this service.

The officers included in the first contingent are intended to reinforce the Japanese fleet, which is said to be very short in engineering talent and deficient in gunnery. The dispatch adds that a secret agreement has been concluded between Great Britain and Japan, by the terms of which the Russian pretensions in Korea are to be overcome and Russian aggression in Asia permanently checked.

## Capt. Rolfe's Views.

Capt. Ronald Rolfe, R. N. (retired), on inspection service, just returned from the west, and on his way to England via New York, says that, in his opinion, the force above referred to is intended to increase the efficiency of the fleet at Esquimaux and relieve the crew of the North Pacific squadron.

He declines to discuss the probability of an Anglo-Russian imbroglio, but asserts that in case of actual hostilities the British fleet would be sufficient to enforce any demands Great Britain may have to make. He denies that there is any probability of any Anglo-Japanese alliance, remarking that England's combining with a fourth-rate power like Japan, would be a confession of weakness that does not exist.

## Not to Reinforce Japanese.

Captain Rolfe asserts with positiveness that the contingent to be sent west is not for Japanese reinforcement, but rather to be used as a reserve for the fleet in operation should a naval war result from the political complications in the Orient.

## Requisition for Merchant Vessels.

LONDON, December 29.—The officials of the Canadian Pacific railroad here say they have no knowledge of the British admiralty having requisitioned three of the company's steamships belonging to that company, as reported in a special dispatch from Shanghai, and they believe the statement to be without foundation.

## Seizure of Hai-Nan Discredited.

PARIS, December 30.—The officials of the French ministry of marine regard the report of the occupation of the Island of Hai-Nan, off the south coast of China, by the French fleet in those waters, as being an invention.

## During the day there was issued a semi-official contradiction of the report that the French flag had been hoisted over the Island of Hai-Nan.

## For Cuban Sufferers.

Evening Star Newspaper Company, \$100.00  
G. B. Friend, 1.00  
A. W. Farrelly, 1.00  
Total, \$102.00

## WEYLER IN HIS OWN DEFENSE.

## Feels That He Is Honored by President McKinley's Criticism.

MADRID, December 30.—Gen. Weyler, the former captain-general of Cuba, in his memoirs to the queen regent on the subject of President McKinley's message to Congress, says he is honored by his criticism, and upon him, and that his conduct as commander-general was that of a soldier animated by honor and patriotism. Such attacks, therefore, Gen. Weyler adds, will do him no harm, as they are aimed at him, he asserts, simply because he has done his duty. Insulting observations on the subject contained in the message to Congress, he believes it to be his duty to protest to the queen. Gen. Weyler affirms that the general is couched in courteous language.

## FITZSIMMONS NAMES HIS TERMS.

## All Fight Corbett After Latter Whips Peter Maher.

NEW YORK, December 30.—Tom O'Rourke has wired to the Associated Press from Fort Wayne, Ind., as follows: "Julian and Fitzsimmons are named Joe Wolcott at the middle-weight limit to meet McCoy, and Peter Maher to meet Corbett. If McCoy and Corbett win from Wolcott and Maher Fitzsimmons will meet both of them afterward. These are the only conditions. Fitzsimmons will make with McCoy and Corbett."

## CHOPPED HIS WIFE TO DEATH.

Brutal Butchery of a Young Colored Woman.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., December 30.—Nellie Johnson, a young colored woman, was chopped to death with a hatchet last night in an alley near 10th and Wyandotte streets. Her husband was the murderer. Each of the blows upon her head split the skull, and her hands were literally chopped to pieces. Near by stood a horse and express wagon, in which there was a heavy stone.

## INSURGENTS AT ESPERANZA.

## Fire Volleys Into Houses—Mayor's Men.

HAVANA, December 30.—According to a report from Spanish sources at Esperanza, province of Santa Clara, a party of insurgents fired into that town on Saturday night. Bullets struck a number of residences, and one bullet went through the elbow of Senor Valdes, daughter of the mayor of the town.

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## MONTANA'S GIFT TO CUBA

Secretary Sherman Notified That \$800 Has Been Subscribed.

It Will Be Invested in Condensed Milk—Ward Line Steamers Will Carry Supplies Free.

The Secretary of State has received a telegram from the Anacosta Standard of Anacosta, Mont., through Senator Mantle, saying that he could draw on the National Park Bank of New York city for \$800, the sum already subscribed and paid in by citizens of Montana for the relief of Cuban sufferers. More money is promised from the same source January 1. All of the money previously received at the State Department, amounting to \$5,000, has been sent to the Cuban government for immediate use in alleviating prevailing distress.

Invested in Condensed Milk. Mr. Roosevelt, the dispatch agent of the Department of State at New York city, was this morning directed by the Secretary of State to draw the \$800 contributed by the people of Montana to the Cuban relief fund and to invest the money in the purchase of condensed milk, which, he is further informed, will be shipped to Gen. Lee at Havana by the Ward line of steamers, free of charge. The purchase of condensed milk is ordered in response to a suggestion by General Lee that it is specially desired for the benefit of invalids and children.

## Will Carry Supplies Free.

Assistant Secretary Day telegraphed the superintendent of the Ward line of steamers at New York, inquiring if the Department could announce that that line would carry the supplies for the relief of suffering people, free of charge. The superintendent promptly responded, as follows: "Will be pleased to accept supplies for Cuba, by the terms of which the Russian pretensions in Korea are to be overcome and Russian aggression in Asia permanently checked."

## CRITICISED THE COURT.

## Major Gen. Merritt's Comment on Recent Findings.

Major Gen. Merritt, commanding the Department of the East, has found it necessary to admonish the court-martial before which was tried Private John D. Donovan, Company H, 17th Infantry, found guilty and sentenced to three months' hard labor and to pay a fine of \$10 on conviction of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

"In this case," says Gen. Merritt, in his review, "the prisoner, among other things, was charged with the wilful disobedience of a lawful order. The prisoner, in his defense, claimed that he was suffering from a severe attack of malaria, and that he was unable to obey the order. The court-martial, in its verdict, found the prisoner guilty of disobedience, and sentenced him to three months' hard labor and to pay a fine of \$10 on conviction of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline."

The court having found the prisoner guilty of disobedience, and not guilty of violation of the provisions of the code of war with "having received a lawful command from his superior officer, Capt. J. C. Chance, 17th Infantry, officer of the day, and did not obey the order," the court, in its verdict, found the prisoner guilty of disobedience, and sentenced him to three months' hard labor and to pay a fine of \$10 on conviction of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

The general impression around the White House is that the Senate will not lose much time in getting down to consideration of the annexation treaty. A number of senators who are strong advocates of annexation have already indicated their intention to vote in favor of the treaty. The President, it is said, has been determined on his not leaving out, but the probability is that there will be little delay in pushing matters after the middle of next week.

## Some Political Visitors.

Senators Cullom and Mason lose no opportunity to have a good place for their constituents. They have had opportunity to talk often with the President recently and have taken advantage of it. They were at the White House today talking over the outlook for Illinois people. State senator Cook of Lake county wants a good place for his constituents. He is a member of the Mississippi river commission or as commissioner of the Mississippi river.

Senators Cullom and Mason have landed more good places for constituents than any other two senators. It is thought that the quota of the Senate will be filled by the hammer away, and when they see a post likely to need filling they put up a man. Senators McBride, Geer and Hale, Representatives Johnson of Indiana, Hitt, Bingham, Tongue, Newlands and Granger were in the list of visitors of the day.

## The New York Judgeship.

Senator Platt of New York is expected here to have to do with the President regarding the nomination of a federal judge to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Tenny. There is considerable interest in what the senator may do. When Judge Tenny was appointed, a few months ago, the candidate of Senator Platt was John Allen, who is a close friend of ex-Secretary Tenny, and the latter desires to see something done for Mr. Allen. The President, however, declined to appoint Mr. Allen and gave the place to Judge Tenny. Mr. Allen is still said to hold Senator Platt's nomination.

## Crowds in the East Room.

A number of excursions have been made to the city this week, bringing many people. The first place the visitors start for is the White House. All this morning the big east room was filled with sightseers. All of them wanted to see much more than the east room, but the new rules prevented viewing the red, green and blue rooms. "What rooms are those?" asked a party of young ladies.

## Personal Mention.

Capt. James Farnham, 12th Infantry, is at the Elliott on leave. The shortness of the winter has been a great relief to him. First Lieut. James Brown registered at the War Department this morning. He is in the city on leave of absence.

Arthur Bovee, a student at Pennington Seminary, in New Jersey, is spending his holiday vacation with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Bovee. It will be pleasing to his many friends to know that he stood at the head of his class for the first term.

Mr. Francis B. Loomis, United States minister to Venezuela, is in the city on official business, and is at the Cochran. Mr. Loomis expects to return to his post next week.

## Mr. John L. Nolan of Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. John L. Nolan of Nashville, Tenn., who has been in the city for the past few days, stopping at the Raleigh, returned to his home last evening.

Rev. J. J. Dillon of St. Joseph's Catholic Church has come to Frostburg, Md., on a short vacation. Among the Harvard students who are in the city is Mr. A. Robeson Sargent of Brookline, Mass., visiting Mrs. C. S. Whitcomb.

## AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Many Tourists Call at the Executive Mansion.

## SENATOR TELLER INTRODUCES A FRIEND

Efforts in Behalf of Another Illinois Man.

## THE NEW YORK JUDGESHIP

Senator Teller of Colorado seldom visits the White House, and then the visits are simply for the purpose of introducing constituents. The silver senator makes no recommendations and asks for nothing. His personal relations with President McKinley are cordial and pleasant, but because his visits might be misinterpreted, he rarely goes to the Executive Mansion. His calls are of the most formal nature.

Senator Teller was at the White House today, remaining just long enough to usher a friend in and introduce him. The senator said that he had not spoken to the President on the subject of the nomination of Charles Page Bryan as minister to China. "I have nothing to do with whom the President nominates," a position he said Senator Teller. "My business is to vote after the nomination is made. My objections to Mr. Bryan are that he is too inexperienced and too little acquainted with diplomatic affairs at this juncture to serve the United States."

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## Favors Hawaiian Annexation.

Senator Teller is an ardent advocate of the annexation of Hawaii to this country. "The islands should be annexed without delay," he said to a Star reporter who talked with him on the subject. "It would be a great blunder not to do so. I see that there is now some chance of the completion of the Nicaraguan canal. This makes it all the more important that the islands should belong to this country and should become our property without delay. As a matter of fact, it has been the intention of the United States for years to annex Hawaii. From 1820 to this day we have been surrounded by the islands of the Pacific. During President Pierce's administration the islands would have been annexed but for the death of the king. The old king had made a deed of the islands to this country, and Secretary of State Marcy, one of the greatest of democratic statesmen, was preparing to take steps to annex the islands. The king died, and the new king was opposed to annexation. 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